

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 6, 2014

6:00 PM  
New Albany Village Hall  
99 West Main Street, New Albany

### *I. Call to Order*

Meeting opened at approximately 6:00 pm at New Albany Village Hall with the following members present: Gary Schmidt, Don Ballard, Kasey Kist, Meera Parthasarathy, Mike Chapplelear, Rich Kight, and Ron Lachey. Gary Schmidt chaired the meeting. Staff members present were Adrienne Joly, City of New Albany.

### *II. Record of Proceedings*

November 21, 2103 minutes were approved with corrections. Mr. Ballard commented that election of chairs for the current year that he will be willing to chair for one more year and Mr. Lachey seconded that. (Mr. Ballard - First; Mr. Kight- Second; Mr. Kist – abstain; Ms. Parthasarathy - abstain)

### *III. Old Business*

None.

### *IV. Cases/Public Hearings*

None.

### *V. New Business*

#### **1. New Albany Strategic Plan.**

#### Staff Presentation:

Ms. Joly introduced the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Kight asked to tailor the presentation to this board's jurisdictional area.

Ms. Joly gave an overview of the presentation and introduced the city of New Albany's consultants MKSK.

Mr. Chris Hermann, MKSK, presented the Powerpoint presentation to the board.

Mr. Chapplelear asked about the differences between the city's strategic plan and the township's strategic plan.

Ms. Joly stated that the accord's land use plan hasn't changed, and the Accord document is how New Albany, Columbus, and Plain Township work hand in hand for land uses.

Mr. Hermann, continued the Powerpoint presentation to the board.

Mr. Chappellear asked sharrows in the Village Center.

Ms. Joly stated a bike master plan would address this.

Mr. Schmidt comments on the roads at the northern end of the development and township areas. Asks how practical the roundabout at Walnut is. What is being discussed about interstate 73?

Mr. Hermann commented the interstate has not been addressed.

Ms. Joly stated the roundabouts shown are conceptual. The city wants to have a roundabout first policy. If improvements are going to be made then a roundabout should be considered as the primary solution. At this time you can't say if a roundabout can or can't be located, but it should be considered.

Mr. Hermann commented that every road and roundabout will have to be studied in further detail when an improvement is considered.

#### Panel Discussion

Mr. Kight stated he would like to have a little more conversation on the area south of 161 and the expansion of the office uses.

Ms. Joly says the city looked at several land use scenarios and the future of Babbit Road. None of this area is annexed currently and the city looked at the best use of this land. Office and expansion of the business park is the best use and the city plans on expanding the street network.

Ms. Nancy Ferguson, speaking as a resident, stated she supports connectivity and commented that Swickard Woods is deed restricted saying it cannot be developed or have a roadway, and she thinks the residents would prefer to keep this as a park without any roadway, and the park is a huge part of the school's education program. She would like to have more east/west connectors, but not in this location through the park.

Ms. Joly stated she and Bill Resch had a great conversation about that today. Our goal is to find an alternative and safe solution for moving the bus traffic.

Mr. Bill Resch, resident and member of the New Albany Parks and Trails Advisory Board, spoke about the content of a handout he distributed to the Accord. Clarified that the city of New Albany owns Swickard Woods. He has concerns about safety regarding this road connection. The schools have expanded parking and lengthen the drop-off lanes and separated parking and drop-off areas. This road connection would open the campus to everyone and increase the use by non-school people. He asks this plan be tabled or be approved with the exception of this road. The property is deed restricted regarding development.

Mr. Kight noted this school area is south of the Accord's area. He would like to talk if the city would like a vote or if they are just presenting to get feedback and then move on. The township brought their plan to the Accord for feedback and discussion, and then moved on.

Ms. Joly said she would take a vote if we have answered all your questions. We have always asked for a vote of recommendation from the Accord.

Mr. Kist asks if each individual part of this plan will need approval?

Ms. Joly says rezoning in the Accord area come to this board, we check it against our land use plan and the accords land use. City Council reviews and approval public improvements.

Mr. Chapplelear asks if the city is planning for the people at the Babbit Road there now or future people.

Mr. Joly answered for the future.

Mr. Chapplelear commented that he is representing the township, and this area is rural residential and wants to know what people in that area think of it.

Mr. Joly stated this is a future land use and does affect existing zoning rights. This documents provides guidance and plans for the future. This

Mr. Chapplelear commented there needs to be more coordination between the city and the township.

Mr. Joly said that is what the Accord is for. New Albany strives to concentrate and limit retail use within the city.

Mr. Resch commented the schools are a similar situation being along the boundary of the Accord area and you have to look to see what's happening in the general area. There are many parks in the school's area.

Mr. Kight says his opinion that if this board is to action on this plan tonight it would be limited to the board's jurisdictional area and not outside those areas because they have no authority to do that. Is the only change not previously approved by this board the area south of the 161?

Ms. Joly said that is correct.

Mr. Kight says he would like to get a better understanding of this area.

Ms. Joly said she would feedback from the Accord on what they think of the change in this area.

Mr. Kight says he is ok with that.

Ms. Parthasarathy says she would like to echo what Bill and Nancy said and the safety concerns. She would like the school parks preserved. It will have wide impacts, but what are the impacts to the plan if

the road is removed? Also, along Walnut Road, has this already been approved?

Ms. Joly said a portion of that has already been approved as a rezoning to allow office use by the Accord. The other areas of change were previously shown in the city's current strategic plan which this board approved.

Mr. Ballard stated this is just guidelines for the future and nothing is set in stone. You're always going to have changes and you need to adjust and make changes. He is not prepared to make a decision tonight and he would like to have everyone give it more thought and make a decision at the normal meeting date.

Mr. Lachey says he would appreciate another 2 weeks to think about and come up with questions.

Ms. Joly responded that is fine, and we will look at the office components south of 161. Let me know if there is anything you want me to look deeper into.

Mr. Kight asks for more information on the research and information sub-district in comparison to normal office.

Ms. Joly said that was part of the 2008 strategic plan amendment in 2008 that came to this board. She provided a list of businesses. Due to its location, having office and lesser residents benefit the school, and other reasons it is a good land use.

Mr. Kist asks about the bicycle accommodations

Ms. Joly said the bicycle master plan would address this and discussed options that could be in the plan.

Mr. Chappelle says he would like to spend a little more time with the plan now that he has seen the presentation.

Mr. Hermann thanked the board for their feedback and said to please let him or Adrienne know if they have any questions for next time.

Mr. Schmidt stated he will make a motion to table this until 2 weeks from tonight and he would like that next time staff highlight just the area applicable to the Accord area.

**MOTION:** To table this until 2 weeks from tonight

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Ballard

**RESULT:** Approved (7-o)

## ***VI. Adjournment***

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.